

Purpose of the South Dakota DEM WMD Program

- Coordinate the development of state response
- Provide assistance to local governments
- Liaison between federal, state, and local agencies
- Manage federal grants to South Dakota



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South Dakota Weapons of Mass Destruction Program (WMD)



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Types of Assistance

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Working with FEMA, the Division of Emergency Management can provide assistance to your agency with WMD/Terrorism planning, training, developing and conducting exercises.

FEMA provides funding for WMD/Terrorism through the Terrorism Consequence Management Preparedness Assistance (TCMPA) program. These funds must be used for:

- Planning
- Training
- Exercises



Department of Justice (DOJ)

The Department of Justice provides funding to state and local responders to obtain response equipment. To obtain the DOJ funding, each state is required to provide a Three-Year Strategic Plan for fiscal years 1999, 2000, and 2001 on how the funds will be distributed to state and local entities. The DOJ equipment funds must be used for:

- Personal Protective Equipment
- Decontamination Equipment
- Detection Equipment
- Communications Equipment

DOJ also provides various WMD/Terrorism Training programs:

- Technical assistance to conduct risk, vulnerabilities, and capability assessments
- WMD/Terrorism Awareness, Operations, Incident Command, Technician, and other training courses
- Technical assistance for equipment acquisition and how to use the equipment
- Technical assistance to develop local WMD/Terrorism response plans

Liaison for all federal training

Several federal agencies provide various levels of training for WMD/Terrorism Response. To coordinate the training, the DEM has been selected as the single point of contact for training registration. Anyone who would like to attend a course offered by one of these agencies should go through DEM.

- CDC - Center for Disease Control
- NMT* - New Mexico Tech
- LSU* - Louisiana State University
- TEEX* - Texas Engineering and Extension
- CDP* - Centers for Domestic Preparedness
- EMI - Emergency Management Institute
- National Fire Academy

* Member of the Department of Justice Training Consortium

Please report all WMD training, exercises, technical assistance, or other projects to DEM and your county emergency management director.